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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Search Warrant**

**Wendell-** On Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 12:30 p.m., officers of the Wendell Police Department, along with Wake County Animal Control served a search warrant at 4 Olde Tavern Rd. without incident.

The search was a result of an investigation that began late last week concerning an unusual odor in the area. Preliminary investigation led to the residence at that address and after the odor was found to be consistent with animals, Wake County Animal Control was called in to assist. The initial investigation led investigators to conclude that a large number of pit bull dogs were present in the rear yard of the house and additional dogs could be heard from within the house.

Upon the execution of the search warrant, 14 pit bulls were seized by Wake County Animal Control. The dogs are being evaluated at the Wake County Animal Shelter and those in need are being provided necessary medical care. Numerous items were found in the house and on the property that are commonly used to train dogs that are used in dog fighting.

On Tuesday, April 26, 2016, James Edward Harris (48 Years Olde of 4 Old Tavern Road, Wendell, NC) was arrested at his residence. He was charged with one count of Driving While License Revoked, 14 counts of Felony Cruelty to Animals and 14 counts of Felony Dog Fighting. He was transported to the Wake County Detention Center and appeared before a magistrate and was placed under a \$1,005,000.00 Bond.

This joint investigation involving the Wendell Police Department and Wake County Animal Control is ongoing.

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